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Dear Boris:

Again I have two letters from you to answer and I begin by thanking you for both of them.

I very much appreciated your getting permission from Colonel Arnaud to use the extract from his brief biographical sketch of General Cartier and I am glad to have confirmed that the General's baptismal name was Francois. I cannot imagine how in the literature the General's name became converted into Henri but that is the way it is in the fine bibliography of Professor Galland.

I am glad that we were jointly able to furnish a copy of the Candela book to Colonel Arnaud and I hope that he was pleased when you handed it over to him with our collaborative autographing of his copy.

I think that everybody has done whatever could be done in the way of trying to get some biographical information on Delastelle and I suggest that no further efforts be made. Evidently this author was either writing under a pseudonym or was such an obscure and insignificant person that he left no mark on history save for his book, which I must say represents a very creditable piece of work. At any rate, please thank everybody who tried to get information on him for me.

I had a brief oral report from my three associates who came to see you and I was very happy to learn from both your side and their side that things went quite well in your discussions. I was, of course, glad to learn from your letter of 10 November, as well as from my associates, further details about the new plans with regard to the participation in your business affairs by Boris, Jr. I can only express the hope that both you and he will find the "new deal" (or should I say "revised deal?") mutually advantageous and satisfactory. I was glad to have your assurance that there will be no complications with regard to the working out of any arrangements which we may have reached with yourself.

One of the souvenirs of the visit of my associates is the menu card of the Supper of 8 November, given by my associates. I appreciated the signatures of Annie and you on the card. I felt a bit disconsolate at the fact that even had I been present the chances are good that I would not have been permitted to partake of much of those very fine-sounding and doubtless excellent-tasting viands. In short, my dear friend, I am having one helluva time trying merely to maintain my new

weight (155), let alone reduce it to where I would like to have it (150). I have given up practically everything that I like in the way of comestibles and, in addition, have reduced the caloric intake of those which I am permitted; still I get a jolt everytime I get on the scales. I have even given up my long-established and delightful intake of spiritus frumenti in the hope that this would do the trick, but thus far I see no beneficial effects upon my avoirdupois and can only rue the stoppage of this delightful source of relaxation.

A second souvenir which came to me as a result of the visit of my friends is the pair of brass clothes hooks with which you were so kind as to present me. Elizebeth and I are debating just where it would be best to mount them, for it seems a shame to hide them in a clothes closet.

I was about to telephone "Icky" to find out the latest word in regard to your proposed visit here this winter, when she called us up! We immediately invited her to a visit and she came over, bringing Arthur III with her; they are downstairs now, listening with Elizebeth, to our new high fidelity set -- a gift from my associates at the Agency. Icky told me you're planning to come at the end of January or early in February. We look forward to your visit with much eagerness. You can stay with us, as we now have the top floor bedroom and bath all fixed up.

I hope that by this time whatever complications entered into the current Bo-Edith production have now been eliminated and that the production is going forward normally.

I hope that Annie is fully recovered from whatever illness was troubling her some weeks ago and that both of you enjoyed your most recent visit to Paris. I am looking forward to a report thereon soon.

With love to Annie, and affectionate regards to you, I am

Sincerely,

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